



Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting

April 15, 2025

CAL FIRE –

Office of the State Fire Marshal



Roll Call

Welcome!

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 - ▶ (916) 980-9352 or carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov



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Brian Newman
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Caroline Thomas
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Robert Troy



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Jacy Hyde



Roy Wright



Dave Winnacker



Chris Ochoa



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Catherine Freeman



Don Hankins



Lisa Lien-Hagar

Approval of November 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Posted: TBD



Committee Members Present
Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Brian Newman Lindsay, Department of Conservation
Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety
J. Lopez, State Board of Forestry & Fire Protection
Robert Troy, California Office of Emergency Services
Michael McGuire, State Planning & Research
Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council (virtual)
Steve Hawks, Insurance Industry
Christopher Ochoa, Building Industry
Clay Kerchof, Department of Housing and Community Development (virtual)
Staci Heaton, Rural County Representatives of California
Sean McGlynn, League of California Cities
Lisa Lien-Mager, California Natural Resources Agency
Sophia Lemmo, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (virtual)

Members Absent
Anale Burlew, CAL FIRE
Yana Valachovic, California Fire Science Consortium
Lanya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Cooperative
Deborah Halberstadt, Insurance Commissioner's Office
Dave Winnacker, Local Fire Service Representative (Virtual)
Catherine Freeman, California State Association of Counties
Don Hankins, Tribal Government Representative (virtual)

CAL FIRE Staff in Attendance
Frank Bigelow, Deputy Director
Andrew Henning, Assistant Deputy Director
John Morgan, Staff Chief
Matt Damon, Staff Chief
Shane Vargas, Deputy Chief
Jim McDougald, Assistant Deputy Director
Emily Smith, Staff Chief
Jamie Sammut, Senior Staff Counsel
Madison Nicholas, Staff Services Analyst
Carrie Lewis, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Julianna Contreras, Staff Services Analyst (Virtual)
Jillian Fisher, Staff Services Manager I

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 27, 2025 Posted: 2-27-25



Committee Members Present

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J. Lopez, State Board of Forestry & Fire Protection
Michael McGuire, State Planning & Research
Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council
Deborah Halberstadt, Insurance Commissioner's Office
Steve Hawks, Insurance Industry
Christopher Ochoa, Building Industry
Clay Kerchof, Department of Housing and Community Development (virtual)
Todd Lando, Fire Service Representative (virtual)
Staci Heaton, Rural County Representatives of California
Catherine Freeman, California State Association of Counties
Sean McGlynn, League of California Cities
Don Hankins, Tribal Government Representative (virtual)
Lisa Lien-Mager, California Natural Resources Agency
Sophia Lemmo, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (virtual)
Yana Valachovic, California Fire Science Consortium (virtual)

Members Absent

Daniel Berlant, CAL FIRE
Brian Newman Lindsay, Department of Conservation
Nancy Ward, California Office of Emergency Services
Lenya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Cooperative

CAL FIRE Staff in Attendance

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Chris Ramey, Division Chief
John Morgan, Staff Chief
Matt Damon, Staff Chief
Shane Vargas, Deputy Chief
Scott Witt, Deputy Chief
Shaun Fairbanks, Deputy Chief
Jim McDougald, Assistant Deputy Director
Emily Smith, Staff Chief (virtual)
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Mark Rosenberg, Research Data Manager
Anthony Massucco, Battalion Chief
Stephen Volmer, Battalion Chief
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Approval of February 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting Minutes – Friday, February 28, 2025 Posted: TBD



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J. Lopez, State Board of Forestry & Fire Protection
Deborah Halberstadt, Insurance Commissioner's Office
Jacy Hyde, California Fire Safe Council
Steve Hawks, Insurance Industry
Don Hankins, Tribal Government Representative
Lisa Lien-Mager, California Natural Resources Agency
Nick Cammarota, Building Industry (virtual)
Clay Kerchof, Department of Housing and Community Development (virtual)
Sean McGlynn, League of California Cities (virtual)
Bill Villarino, Santa Barbara County Fire (virtual)
Yana Valachovic, California Fire Science Consortium (virtual)
Lenya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Cooperative (virtual)

Members Absent

Catherine Freeman, California State Association of Counties
Staci Heaton, Rural County Representatives of California
Sophia Lemmo, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
Michael Maguire, State Planning & Research
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Brian Newman Lindsay, Department of Conservation

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Jim McDougald, Assistant Deputy Director
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Gene Potkey, Assistant Chief
Anthony Massucco, Battalion Chief
Bryan Carter, Battalion Chief
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Approval of March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Posted: TBD



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Lisa Lien Mager, California Natural Resources Agency

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Approval of April 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 PM



Location: NRHQ Building
715 P Street
Room 2-221
Sacramento, CA 95814

CAL FIRE Monrovia Office
602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite A
Monrovia, CA 91016

Zoom Meeting Information –

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85192423489?pwd=dnZYaUhxVFliUTFmT21nMzJYYVlxQT09>

Passcode: 462073

Webinar ID: 851 9242 3489

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Welcome
- B. Roll Call/Quorum Established
- C. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2024
- D. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2025
- E. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2025
- F. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2025
- G. Approval of Agenda – April 15, 2025

2. UPDATES

- A. OSFM Community Wildfire Preparedness & Mitigation Division Report
- B. California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Land Use Planning Workgroup

4. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Prescribed Herbivory for Vegetation Treatment Project, Board of Forestry & Fire Protection

5. ROUNDTABLE

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. UPCOMING MEETING DATES FOR 2025

- A. Third Tuesday of the month
- B. May 20, 2025, 1:00-3:00pm

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT





Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Division Report



Wildfire Preparedness

Defensible Space

- ▶ Statewide SRA total for fiscal year-to-date 2024-2025
 - 187,241 inspections completed, 74% of the 250,000 goal
- ▶ Qualified Entity Program training is ongoing with upcoming classes in the following counties:
 - San Diego
 - Butte
 - Amador
 - El Dorado
 - Qualified Entity assessment year-to-date total
 - 633 assessments



Wildfire Preparedness

Burn Permits

- ▶ Burn Permits issued in 2023/2024 season will need to be renewed by April 30
- ▶ New applications will be required for FY 2024/2025 - reminders to the public have been ongoing this month
- ▶ Burn Permits issued YTD – 2024/2025: 53,376
- ▶ Cultural Burn Permits issued YTD: 1,623



Wildfire Preparedness

Home Hardening

- ▶ CAL FIRE staff has been developing the CWMP Home Hardening Assessment Application version 2.0, which will be launched in April 2025
- ▶ CAL FIRE staff is in the development of the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Safety Building Standards Compliance story map training
- ▶ Home Hardening and Defensible Space work are ongoing in Lake, San Diego, Shasta, and Siskiyou Counties



Wildfire Preparedness

Utility Wildfire Mitigation Program

- ▶ PG&E base WMP plan was submitted on Friday 4/4/25. We will be reviewing the plan for the next few weeks, working with OEIS to make sure Utilities are compliant and what goals are outlined for the next 3 yrs.
- ▶ BVES WMP submitted 4/14/25
- ▶ Other IOUs will be submitting their WMPs every 2 weeks. WMP review is planned to go into November.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Fire Prevention Efforts FY 24/25

- ▶ Fuel Reduction Projects:
 - Projects 630, **126.0%** of the goal
- ▶ Combined Fuel Reduction:
 - Acres treated 78,993.7, **79.0%** of the goal
 - Unit Projects – 31,132.4 acres
 - Northern Region: 21,933.4 acres
 - Southern Region: 9,199.0 acres
 - Grant Projects: **43,791.8** acres
 - CFIP Projects: **4,069.5** acres
- ▶ Prescribed Fire (also counted in fuel reduction):
 - 24,755.1 acres treated, **49.5%** of the goal

View the Webmap at [Fuels Reduction | CAL FIRE](#)



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Wildland Fuels

- ▶ The quarterly Fiscal Year (FY) total acreage numbers QA/QC report will be completed at the end of April
- ▶ CalMAPPER V4 testing underway with a test group that has been identified with representation from Units, Regions, and Programs working with the Developer. The implementation of CalMAPPER 4 will be July 1, 2025



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Pre-Fire Planning

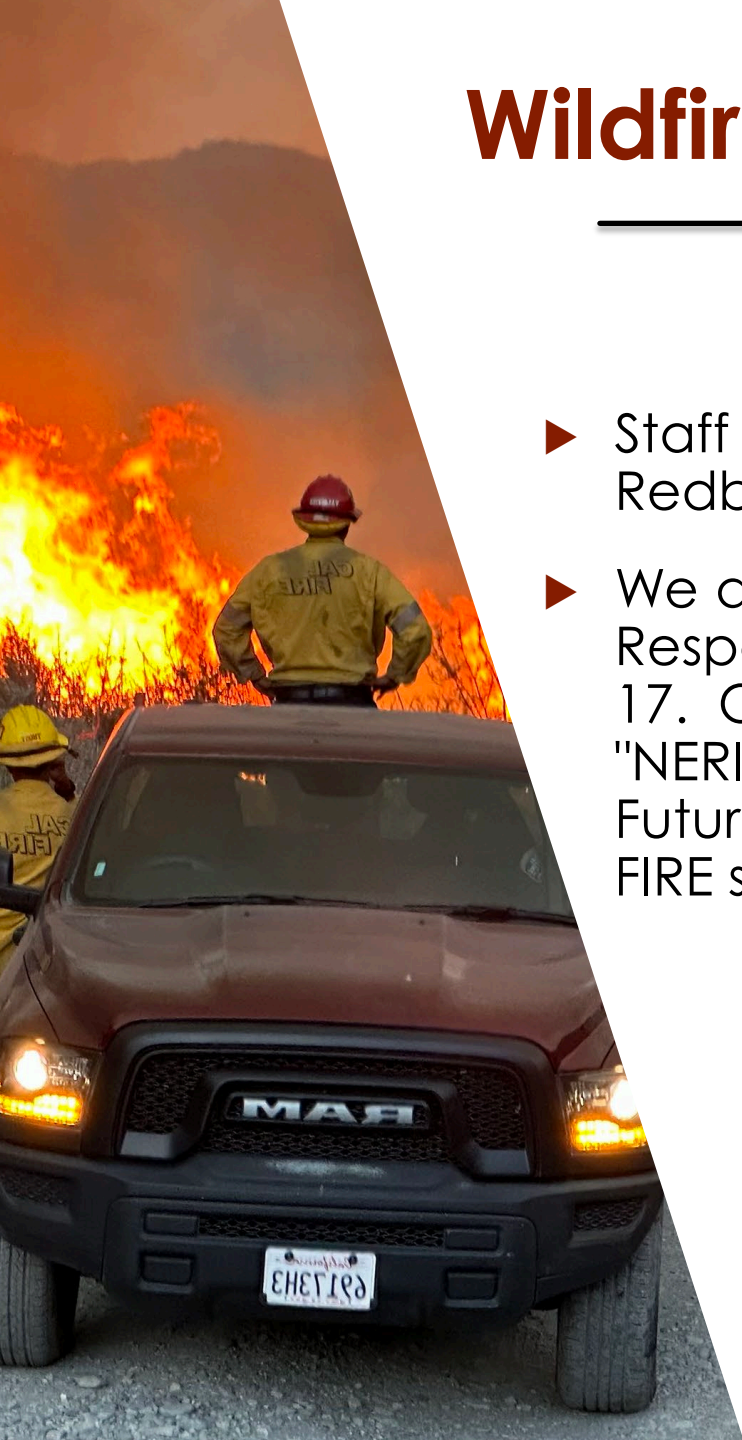
- ▶ 5-Year SRA review has been completed with Board of Forestry (BOF) approval. The SRA map changes will be effective July 7, 2025.
- ▶ Annual fire perimeter collection was completed in early March from the Units and will be aggregated with federal datasets in the late Spring.
- ▶ Annual Unit Fire Plan updates due May 9, 2025.



Wildfire Planning and Statistics

CalStats

- ▶ Staff working with Units on preparing data for the 2024 Redbook.
- ▶ We are preparing for our next National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) webinar on April 17. Our latest outreach tool – a short video titled "NERIS & California Fire Departments: Preparing for the Future" - was completed and posted last week to CAL FIRE social media and public facing website.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Land Use Planning

- ▶ Safety Element for the City of Santa Rosa is on the agenda for the April Board of Forestry & Fire Protection Resource Protection Committee meeting.
- ▶ Subdivision Review Program staff are actively working on scheduling Fire Safety surveys with several jurisdictions statewide



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA

- ▶ Currently 1150 communities in good standing
- ▶ Staff are engaged with several projects



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

CWMA Statewide Clearinghouse Data Center

- ▶ Working on adding new information all the time!
- ▶ <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/Community-Wildfire-Preparedness-and-Mitigation/Clearinghouse-Data-Center>



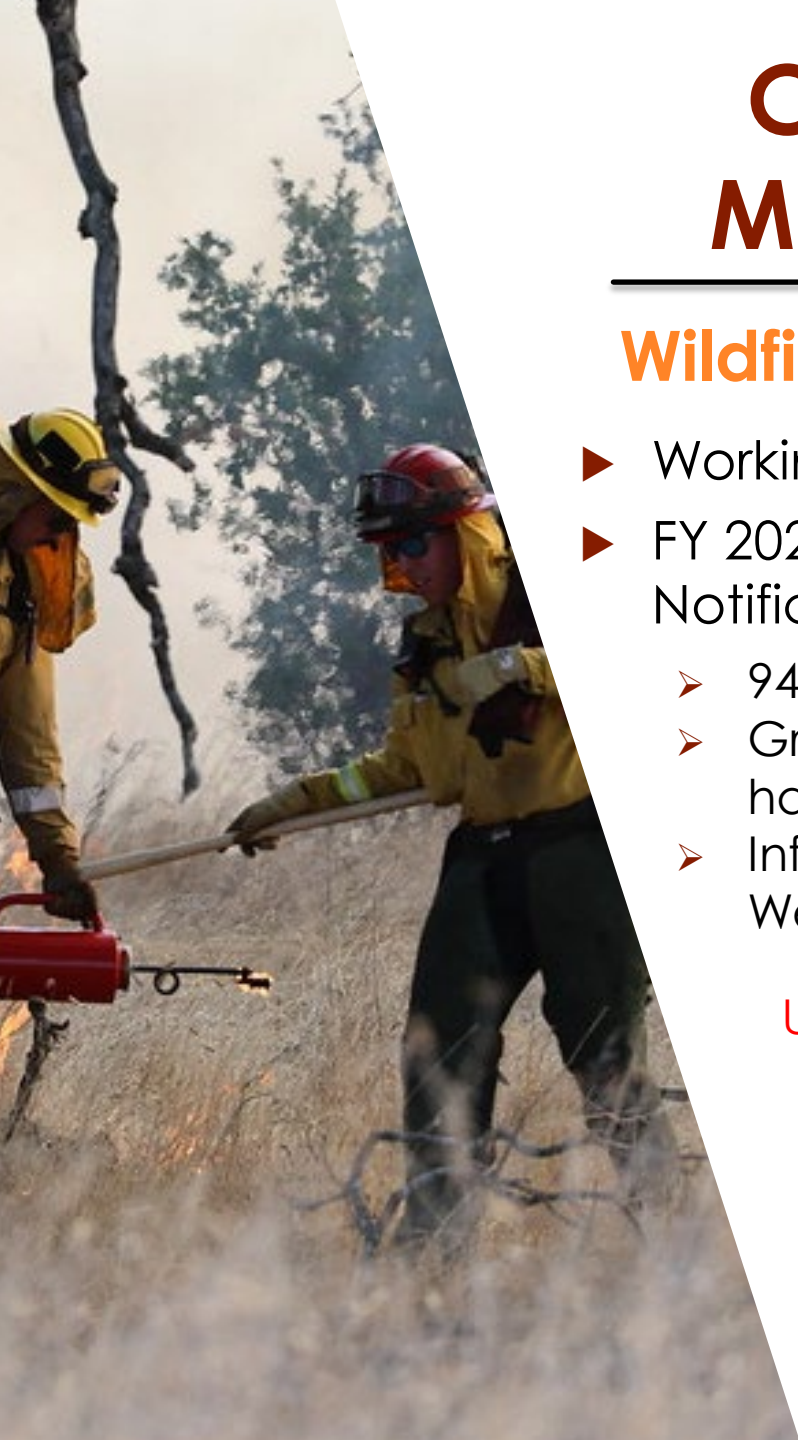
Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

- ▶ Working on details for Open Solicitation later this year
- ▶ FY 2023-24 Wildfire Prevention Grants Award Notification on August 20, 2024
 - 94 Awards totaling just over \$90 million
 - Grant agreements have been signed with a small handful finishing up some technical items
 - Info is posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants Website, and the CA State Library Grants Portal.

Use the QR code below to visit the Grants Website!

www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Neighborhood Level WUI Certification Program

- ▶ Build on framework of NFPA Firewise USA
 - Establish a validation process
- ▶ Establish a program with more applicability in California
 - Connection with insurance
- ▶ Align with stakeholders
 - NFPA, IBHS, CDI, and WMAC members
- ▶ Leverage other programs within OSFM and CWPM
 - D-Space, HH, SDR, Code Dev., WPG, etc.



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Neighborhood Level WUI Certification Program

- ▶ Consideration of underserved and disadvantaged communities
 - Including pre-existing development
- ▶ Scalable levels of designation
 - Based on compliance and work done
- ▶ Increased ability to track and report data
 - Improved analysis of collected data



Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Neighborhood Level WUI Certification Program

► Next Steps

- Agendize at a future meeting
- Creation of advisory sub-group
- Framework document





California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) Report

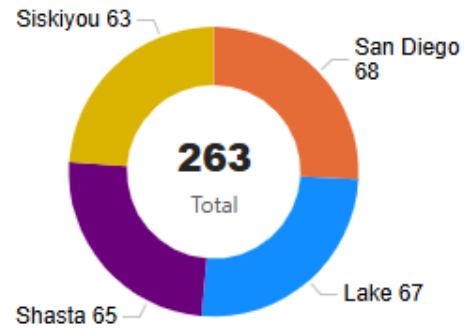
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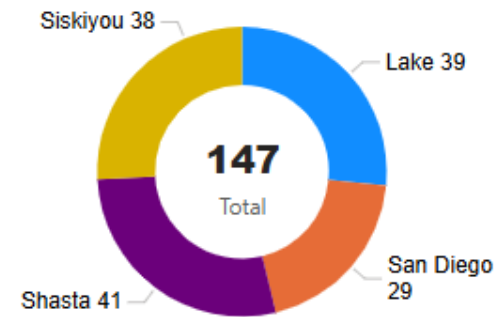
California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report



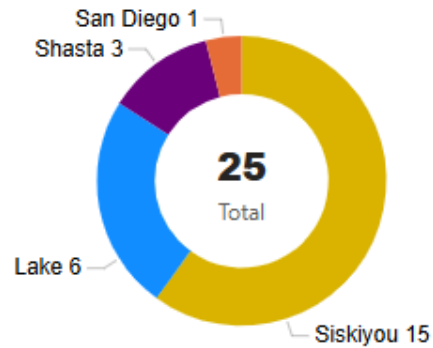
Active Applications



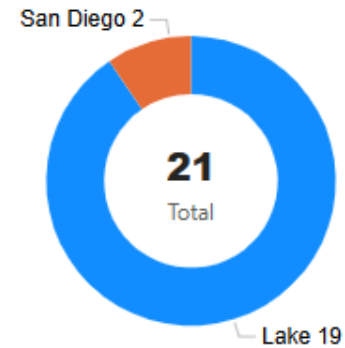
Assessments Completed



Homes in Progress



Homes Completed



California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report



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California Wildfire Mitigation Program Report





Old Business:
Land Use Planning Workgroup





**Prescribed Herbivory for Vegetation
Treatment Project**

**Dr. Kristina Wolf, California Board of
Forestry & Fire Protection**

Roundtable / Public Comment

- ▶ Roundtable
- ▶ Public Comment



Next Meeting Information

May 20, 2025
1:00 – 3:00pm
CNRA Building
Room 2-221

Presentation:

- Liability Fund, Len Nielsen



Meeting Adjournment

- ▶ Copies of the written materials have been posted on the Office of the State Fire Marshal web site at <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/>
- ▶ For information concerning the Advisory Committee Meeting, please contact Carrie Lewis at (916) 980-9352 or carrie.lewis@fire.ca.gov.
- ▶ NOTE: Items designated for information are appropriate for committee action if the committee chooses to act. The agenda order is tentative and subject to change. Agenda items may be taken out of order to facilitate the effective transaction of business. The Committee may not discuss or act on any matter raised during the public forum period, except to decide whether to place the matter on the notice and agenda of a future committee meeting.

